

COLONEL PAUL D. JOHNSON

175th Wing Vice Commander

Colonel Paul D. Johnson is Vice Commander of the 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard. The 175th Wing has over 1,400 personnel supporting an A-10 Group, a Cyber Operations Squadron and in Intelligence Squadron. Prior to his current assignment, Col Johnson was the Commander of the 175th Operations Group, Maryland Air National Guard.



Colonel Johnson was commissioned in 1988 as an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Course Distinguished Graduate of the University of Maryland. Following assignment as a T-37B Instructor and Evaluator Pilot, he was a Distinguished Graduate of F-15 training. He served as Flight Commander at Langley AFB, VA and as Instructor Pilot in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. Colonel Johnson joined the Maryland Air National Guard in 2000 and converted to the A-10. He is a command pilot with over 5,200 flying hours and has flown 881.4 combat hours during 248 combat sorties in the F-15 and A-10. Prior to taking command of the 175th Operations Group, Colonel Johnson served as Instructor Pilot, Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Current Operations, Chief of Wing Safety, and Director of Operations. Colonel Johnson served on National Guard Bureau staff as Chief, Operations Plans and Execution Branch.

EDUCATION:

1988 University of Maryland, Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering, College Park, Maryland

1995 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Master of Aeronautical Science, Daytona Beach, Florida

2008 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1989 – June 1990, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. June 1990 – November 1990, Student, T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
3. December 1990 – March 1995, Instructor Pilot, Check Pilot, Evaluator Pilot and Assistant Flight Commander, T-37, 35th Flying Training Squadron, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
4. April 1995 – September 1995, Student, F-15 Basic Operational Training Course, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

5. October 1995 – December 1998, Plans Officer and Flight Commander, 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
6. January 1999 – March 2000, Instructor Pilot and Chief of Current Operations, 101st Fighter Squadron, Otis Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts
7. April 2000 – August 2000, Student, A-10 Basic Operational Training Course, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
8. September 2000 – August 2005, Chief of Current Operations, 104th Fighter Squadron, Warfield Air National Guard Base, Maryland
9. September 2005 – June 2010, Chief of Safety, 175th Wing, Warfield Air National Guard Base, Maryland
10. January 2015 – August 2015, Chief, Operational Plans and Execution Branch, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
11. July 2013 – May 2016, Commander, 175th Operations Group, Warfield Air National Guard Base, Maryland
12. June 2017 – Present, Vice Commander, 175th Wing, Warfield Air National Guard Base, Maryland

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 5,200 including more than 880 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: A-10A/C, F-15 A/B/C/D, AT-38B, T-38A, T-37B

Pilot Wings Earned: Reese Air Force Base, Texas

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Medal (with 2 Silver Oak Leaf Clusters and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Aerial Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Gallant Unit Citation

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Valor Device and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 4 Bronze Stars)

Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War On Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with Gold Border and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Longevity Service (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Hourglass and 7 'M' Devices)

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)
Air Force Training Ribbon
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal (with Bronze Star)
Maryland Commendation Medal
Maryland Outstanding Unit Ribbon
Maryland National Guard Overseas Service Ribbon (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Maryland National Guard State Service Ribbon
Maryland National Guard State Active Duty Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 14 January 1989
First Lieutenant 14 January 1991
Captain 14 January 1993
Major 14 January 2000
Lieutenant Colonel 13 June 2004
Colonel 22 May 2014